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Invention Disclosure Statement

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***1. The title of the invention**
A confirmation method when overwriting files

***2. Field of the Invention**
In regards to the process of PCs handling multimedia files, especially to the provision of an improved operability when copying files.

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target/relevant models :

None

***3. Prior arts and their disadvantages (As for patents and documents of other companies, attaching copies are required).**
Search Formula (keyword) : File*Overwrite*Thumbnail

Cited Reference	Reference Number etc.	Applicants	Remarks
1	Japanese Patent Application Laid-open 11-234615	Minolta Co., Ltd.	Image Recording System
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(The difference between the present invention and the prior art)

Cited Reference 1, when transferring a file to the recording medium, judges the files' sameness by relying on the code unique to the file and determines whether to transfer it or skip it.

However, files having unique codes are files with special formats, and since the unique codes are not added to general files, the intended purpose of this invention is limited.

***4. Problems to be solved by the invention**
The present invention provides a method for allowing the users to viscerally judge whether to overwrite files, which can be versatily applied for general files.

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***5. Means for solving the problem**

In case there are files with a same name in both source and target destination when an image file is transferred, the thumbnail of the file to be transferred in the source and the thumbnail of the file in the destination are displayed side-by-side on the screen. When the files of the source and the destination are moving-images, the leading frame of the moving-image is shown as an icon. Clicking the icon plays the moving-image and allows a user to confirm the contents of the file.

When the files of the source and the destination are audio, an audio mark icon is shown. Clicking the icon plays the audio and allows the user to confirm the contents of the file.

***6a. Embodiments**

Below, in case of transferring a file recorded in the recording medium of a digital camera, to an HDD in a PC using a file management application will be described as an example.

A user opens the folder of the recording medium in the application, and selects the file to be transferred. Next, selecting the "transfer" command will display a screen for selecting a target folder of the destination.

The application confirms whether files with same names already exist in the destination for every transfer file. If such files do not exist, transferring carries on.

If there already exists a file with a same name, a screen to confirm the overwriting of the file will be displayed. In such case, the images are shown in thumbnails, providing to the user criteria for judging whether to be overwritten.

When the files are moving-image, the leading frame is shown as an icon. Clicking the icon plays the moving-image and allows the user to confirm the contents of the file.

When the files are audio, an audio mark icon appears. Clicking the icon plays the audio and allows the user to confirm the contents of the file.

6b. Other embodiments

6c. Possible Other intended purposes

***7a. The effect of the invention**

7b. The unexpected effect of the invention

7c. the effect unique to the embodiments

8a. The scope of claim

8b. Gradual recitation related to each technical means that defines the scope of claim

9. A brief description of the drawings

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